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DEAR SUPREME COURT CLERK:

WHILE I HAVE NO COMPUTER ACCESS TO "ONE COURT OF JUSTICE"  
PLEASE INCLUDE MY LETTER ABOUT ONE JURY EXPERIENCE THAT NO ONE  
SHOULD HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO.

MANY YEARS AGO IN THE COURT OF JUDGE JOHN SWAINSON ONE  
OF THE LAWYERS INVOLVED IN A PATERNITY CASE ASKED THE JUDGE  
TO HAVE EACH JUROR RISE AND STATE NAME AND MARITAL STATUS  
AND TELL ALL PRESENT IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS  
IN HIS OR HER FAMILY. WHILE I HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SUCH  
EVENT IN ANY BRANCH OF MY PRE-REVOLUTIONARY FAMILY I STILL  
FOUND IT EMBARRASSING TO BE MADE AN OBJECT OF THE COURT'S  
ATTENTION. JURORS SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECTED TO THE WHIMISICAL  
DEMANDS OF TRIAL ATTORNEYS AND JUDGES SHOULD UPHOLD THE  
JURORS' RIGHT TO FAIR AND COURTEOUS TREATMENT.

IN SUBSEQUENT EXPERIENCES ON JURY DUTY MY FREQUENT  
REMOVAL FOR PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE SEEMED TO ME TO BE BASED ON  
RACIAL CONCERNS OF THE LAWYERS. HAVING BEEN EXCUSED WITH  
THANKS FOR MY SEVERAL JURY DUTIES MADE ME FEEL THAT JURY DUTY  
WAS A PROFOUND WASTE OF MY TIME.

IF MY LETTER PLAYS ANY PART IN IMPROVING THE JURY PROCESS  
IT WILL HAVE BEEN WORTH MY TIME AND POSTAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
THE SUPREME COURT'S SURVEY.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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